Complaint against Manager, Marathwada Gramin Bank of Sirsdevi

2960. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints against the Manager of Marathwada Gramin Bank of Sirsdevi, District Beed in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the nature of complaints; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c). Government have recently received a complaint regarding corruption in the matter of sanction of loans against the Manager of Sirsdevi Branch of Marathwada Gramin Bank, District Beed, Maharashtra. On investigations, if charges are established against the Manager or any other employee of the concernd Branch of th Gramin Bank, the Bank will take necessary action against them in accordance with the rules regulating their service conditions.

Preparation of electoral rolls in Assam

2961. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Election Commission has since issued instructions for preparing the electoral rolls on the basis of 1966 list in Assam;

(b) whether the Attorney General advised otherwise;

(c) what are the reasons for which the Attorney General's views were not accepted; and

(d) what are the reasons for the acceptance of 1966 rolls as the basis for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir. The Election Commission has not issued any such instruction. The Election Commission has ordered an intensive revision of the electoral rolls in Assam in pursuance of its uniform practice of arranging for such a revision before each General Election for constituting a new House upon the expiration of the term of the Lok Sabha/Legislative Assembly. In an intensive revision, no roll can be used as a base roll.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Structure and direction of hidden and open subsidies

2962. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since examined the structure and direction of the hidden as well as open subsidies; and

(b) if so, what are the results of the examination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b). As the Finance Minister, in his Budget Speech, has stated, the existing programmes including subsidies will have to be evaluated before inclusion in the Eighth Plan to ascertain whether value for money is being obtained, whether the desired results could be achieved at a lesser cost by better targetting, consolidation of multiple programmes, and greater decentralisation linked to mobilisation of local resources.

Agreement on sharing-Ganga waters with Bangladesh

2963. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enter into a new agreement with Bangladesh on the sharing of Ganga Waters; and